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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1953, AMOUNTING TO \$400,000

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JULY 1 (legislative day, JUNE 27), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, July 1, 1952.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$400,000, for the Department of the Interior.

The details of this proposed appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington 25, D. C., July 1, 1952.

The PRESIDENT,  
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$400,000, for the Department of the Interior, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RESEARCH IN THE UTILIZATION OF SALINE WATER

For expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act of July —, 1952 (Public Law —), authorizing research in conversion of saline water for beneficial consumptive uses, \$400,000.

The Congress has recently enacted a bill (H. R. 6578) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to undertake a research program which is designed to develop economic means of producing fresh water which is suitable for agricultural, industrial, municipal, and other beneficial consumptive uses from saline water.

The purpose of this supplemental appropriation is to provide for the immediate initiation by the Secretary of the Interior of a research program, by means of research grants and contracts, for the conversion of sea and other saline waters for consumptive and other beneficial uses to alleviate the acute shortage of water in many areas of the Nation. This shortage, brought about by the serious drought conditions and rapid expansion of urban areas in recent years, necessitates the investigation of new sources of potable water.

This proposed supplemental appropriation was not included in the budget because the law authorizing the appropriation was not enacted until after the budget had been prepared.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriation be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully yours,

F. J. LAWTON,  
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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